

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) is the recipient of Goodwill Industries International's National Policymaker Award for 2010. The award recognizes a federal policymaker who has clearly demonstrated support for Goodwill's public policy priorities.

Buchanan was nominated by Goodwill Industries-Manasota, Inc. in Sarasota, Florida, for his consistent support of Goodwill's public policy agenda. He co-sponsored legislation to expand Goodwill capacity and is a champion for Goodwill's job training and reintegration efforts for veterans.

"Congressman Buchanan has been a friend and Goodwill supporter for many years," said Donald Roberts, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries-Manasota.

At a reception in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, April 27, Rep. Buchanan was recognized and thanked for his ongoing concern for issues relevant to Goodwill. The reception was part of Goodwill Industries International's fourth Advocacy Day — "Invest in the American Worker."

"I have had the pleasure of visiting Goodwill Industries of Manasota," said Rep. Buchanan. "I was impressed with their efforts to help people in Florida's 13th District earn a living and improve their lives and communities. I am pleased to work at the federal level to support of their efforts to train, house, and clothe individuals in need of temporary assistance."